MOME WAGOZINES

ASAPH, THE MARVELLOUS MATCHMAKER. FRANK R. STOCKTON.

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Marietta Himes, in a Jersey village. He sugments that his old crony. Thomas Roper, marry
her. She is well-to-do and Roper's only income
is from a house whose tenant, Mrs. McJimsey, is
about to jeave.

Wooper bribes Asaph with the promise of clothes
and a dictionary to speak in his favor to Marietts. Marietta, ignorant of this offers ragged
Asaph a suit of her late husband's clothes on
condition he shall not smoke while wearing them.

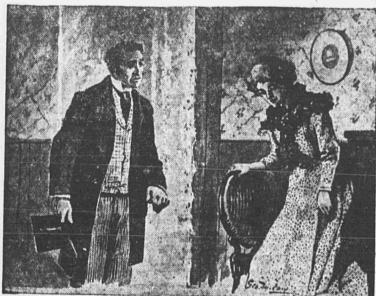
To complicate Asaph's plans, Dr. Wicker, the
local physician, begins calling on Marietta.

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HEN Asaph came within sight of standing in front of the gate. this it was easy to infer that the doctor appearance.

make his declaration in person.

was in the house. What on earth could | But now she was in a condition of nerhave happened? Was anything the matter with Marietta? And if so, why did The doctor thought this was natural she send for a physician who lived at enough under the circumstances, but he a distance instead of Dr. McIlvaine, the had no idea of the cause of it. The village doctor? In a very anxious state cause of it was sitting under the chestof mind Asaph reached the gate and irresolutely went into the yard. His im-



AN ANSWER NOW."

what had happened; but he hesitated. He felt that Marietta might object to having a comparative stranger know that such an exceedingly shabby fellow was her brother.

So he sat down under the chestnut go straight back and keep him from and will come again to-morrow."

household matters of that kind. I ex- tree, pect it's somethin' the matter with that gal Betsey that Marietta hires to help and as she followed him she glanced proper work, which I know, havin' to do light, she saw Asaph jump up from the Erskine. sort of thing, don't they?"

left me. I thought I might as well come straight around and tell you about it. I" make you a fair and square offer. I'll give you them clothes, though it It will be on this condition: if I don't get Marietta you have got to give 'em

Asaph smiled.

"I know what you are grinnin' at," said Thomas; "but you needn't think with which a Roman soldier regarded that you are goin' to have the wearin' the shield and sword which had won of them clothes for two or three months and then give 'em back. I don't go in that line will be short and sharp."
"How short?" asked Asaph.

"Well, this is Thursday," replied the pockets. It was a discouraging place other, "and I calculate to ask her on for him to walk, for the beds on each maker in England—because he was so different. I've Monday."

amazement. "By George!" he exhe should find time for the work, but
claimed, "that won't work. Why, it
took Marietia more'n five days to make
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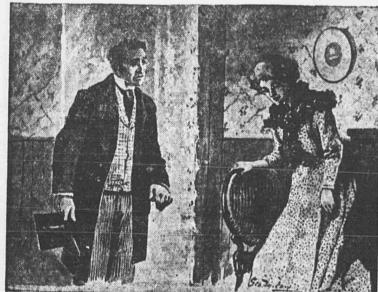
Asaph left alone, heaved a sigh. He did not despair; but truly, fate was heaping a great many obstacles in his path. He thought it was a very hard thing for a man to get his rights in this

Mrs. Himes sat on one end of a black hair-covered sofa in the parlor, and Wicker sat on a black hair-covered chair opposite to her and not far

away. The doctor, a bluff, hearty-looking man of about forty-five, had been very favorably impressed by Mrs. Hime when he first made her acquaintance her husband's sickness, and since that time he had seen her occasionally and had thought about her great deal. Latterly letters had passed between them, and now he had come to

It was true, as her brother had said, that Marietta was not quick in making up her mind. But in this case she was able to act more promptly than usual, because she had in a great measure settled this matter before the arrival of the doctor. She knew he was going to propose and she was very much inclined to accept him. That it was which had made her smile when she was setting the table the afternoon be his sister's house he was amazed fore, and this it was which prompted to see a phaeton and a gray horse her to make her proposition to her bro-From ther in regard to his better personal

THE DOCTOR'S PROPOSAL.



MADAM," SAID HE, RISING, "I WILL NOT ASK YOU TO GIVE ME

pulse was to go to the house and see | illuminating and emphasizing and exaggerating his extreme shabbiness. The be slighted a little more each day, until doctor had never seen Asaph, and it finally it is totally abandoned with a would have been a great shock to Mar- wholesale denunciation of the system. ietta's self-respect to have him see her brother in his present aspect.

The

Dr. Wicker, aware that the lady's tree to consider this strange condition perturbation was increasing instead of of affairs. "Whatever it is," he said diminishing, thought it wise not to press to himself, "it's nothin' suddint and it's the matter at this moment. He felt that bound to be chronic, and that'll skeer he had been, perhaps, a little over-Thomas. I wish I hadn't asked him to prempt in making his proposition. come up here. The best thing for me to "Madam," said re, rising, "I will not do will be to pretend that I have been ask you to give me an answer now. I sent to git somethin' at the store and will go away and let you think about it

Through the crack in the window blind At that moment the gate opened and Marietta saw that Asaph was still un walked Thomas Rooper. He had der the tree. What could she do to demade up his mind and had come to say lay the doctor? She did not offer to so; but the sight of the phaeton and take leave of him, but stood looking gray horse caused him to postpone his upon the floor. It seemed a shame to intended announcement. "What's Dr. make so good a man go all the way Wicker doin' here?" he asked abruptly. back to Timberley and come again next "Dunno," said Asaph, as carelessly as day, just because that ragged, dirty ously over the collar he was fastening, as though there he could speak. "I don't meddle with Asaph was sitting under the chestnut

her. She's always wrong some way or once more through the crack in the other so that she can't do her own window blind and, to her intense de-Garrick playbill in the plain, every-day name of James a good deal of it myself. I expect it's bench and run around to the side of the rickets, like as not. Gals do have that house. He had heard the doctor's footsteps in the hallway and had not wish-"I settled that business of yourn," ed to meet him. The unsatisfactory con- dressed as 'My Lord,' you know"—this with a wry said Mr. Rooper, "pretty soon after you dition of his outward appearance had been so strongly impressed upon him of late that he had become a little sensitive in regard to it when strangers were concerned. But if he had only strikes me that winter goods will be known that his exceedingly unattractive pretty heavy for this time of year; but garments had prevented his sister from making a compact which would have out to the track now. As I was saying, when I was totally ruined his plans in regard to her there yesterday I was introduced to a bookmaker named matrimonial disposition and his own ad- I. K. Thompson. He was a cordial chap. antage, he would have felt for those old clothes the respect and gratitude

him a battle. Down in the middle of the garden, at for any long courtships. What I do in the back of the house, there ran a path, and along this path Asaph walked meditatively, with his hands in his trousers side of him were full of weeds, which spent thousands with the other Thompson-'Joe' Thomp-Asaph looked at his companion in he had intended to pull out as soon as son-and every time I saw him, it would be off with his took Marietia more'n five days to make up her mind whether she would have the chicken house painted green or red, and you can't expect her to be quicker that that in takin' a new husband. She'd say no just as certain as she would-now if you was to go in and ask her right before the doctor and Betsey. "Very good," said Mr. Rooper, rising suddenly. "I will court your sister for one month; and if on the IIth day of August she takes me, you can go up to the store and git them clothes; but you can't do it one minute afore. Good morninf,"

that they could not be rooted up without not have the chicken house painted green or red, and you can't expect her to be quicker that they could not be rooted up without not injuring the plants which were the that time we meet. And I liked it."

Makes Him Feel at Home.

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A twist of the tie and:

"I wish everybody would treat me with Thompson's free-was in the house. His sister was so mortified by him that show as in tears in the house. His sister was so mortified by him that show as in tears in the house. His sister was so mortified by him that show with they will not strike we meet. And I liked it."

Makes Him Feel at Home.

A twist of the tie and:

"I wish everybody would treat me with Thompson's free-would let up on "The Earl of the first chapters of her book it struck me she was in tears in the house. His simply because he booked forlorn, had striked her heart against him that morning when she found he had gone away you can't do it one minute afore. Good morning,"

**Tool of the tie and:

"I will court your sister was no or red, the tie and:

"I will not the and:

"I will not the very democratic, you know. If only the peop

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Have a Bottle of Wine."

was some hidden meaning in his words.

grimace and a tug at the refractory collar.

to have a laugh at the recollection.

"I like New York."

very much."

shall's comedy.

He Prefers to Be Called "Erskine" and

Likes the Easy Familiarity of the

American Bookmaker Who Slapped

Him on the Back and Said: "Let's

Saying which Lord Rosslyn-dressing in his apart-

"And I hope New York will like me, so I may stay

"I wish they'd call me simply Erskine and leave off the

earl and lord business over here. I don't like being ad-

He Likes the Races.

"And sometimes I'm not, of course," his face bright-

ening. "I wasn't at the races yesterday. I like the

races"-with another wink-"I'm getting ready to go

"He slapped me on the back by way of acknowledg-

ment and said: 'Come on, old man, and have a bottle of

champagne with me.' Do you know, that amused me

And His Lordship paused in tying a startling cravat

"This Thompson," he continued, "reminded me so

belligerent. Strapping fellow that he is, he might be able to do considerable damage if he took the notion. Another thing By this

"It really amounts to nothing," was his estimate. "It's by way of apology:

THE KISSING OF HANDS. quaintance, only just beyond the bow-

soul's your own. I have done much better, believe me, for I gone, isn't it?"

His Lordship does not like is the part he has in Capt. Mar-

simply a matter of dodging on the stage and dodging off

here a good long time," added the titled actor in "There's

ments at the Wilbraham-smiled and winked mysteri-

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TO HAVE A BEAUTIFUL FIGURE.

equire a good figure: You must-you positively must-learn stand correctly. Don't throw the weight of your body

forward so that the pressure comes diectly upon the vital organs. Your body should be supported from he back.

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THE EARL OF ROSSLYN.

have been Mrs. Langtry's leading man and have held im portant positions in English companies for several years.
"I hope I may have a chance to do something better in

A TINY TOWN.

and repeat ten times. Relax or let go from the waist. Try to touch the floor with right hand, then with left without bending the

To develop the arms and shoulders, raise the arms as in picture, step outward with the left foot. Alternate ralsing left arm, stepping outward with right foot. Repeat ten times. Exercises for developing the hips-

Stand erect. Raise right arm and left leg as in picture-left arm behind-alternate. Take this exercise as slowly small of the back, the arms extended as straight as possible, while the backs of the hands face forward or outward, according to the ability of the pupil to hands together at the back. The hands should be made to come as close together as possible toward meeting each other behind at the back. Do the heel and toe movement at the same

REASON FOR SICKNESS.

"It is said that the eyes of a hog are so set in his head that he cannot see upward, and that if seized on a starry night and thrown back the vision of the stars will so surprise him that he

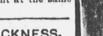
"So man often can see only the earthly, and God has to lay him on his back in sickness that his eyes may behold the heavenly things, and, baholding them, is so surprised that he learns to EMPIRE THEATRE.



the Skin, Scalp, Hair, and Hands with



By this time His Lordship was fully attired, his suit a pronounced check of extreme English cut. Reaching for his stick and moving in long strides toward the door, he said. again, as a servant, without even the chance to say your have racing in the summer, you know, and summer's nearly



A California preacher recently gave the following reason why sickness is sent, says the Chicago Journal.

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